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BLS Faculty Sought By National Media for Legal Expertise

With legal implications behind so many national headlines, our faculty has been lending much sought-after expertise in interpreting the issues, from the Supreme Court's Hobby Lobby ruling and family court decisions to poverty and illegal tax shelters. Their insightful and unique perspectives continue to place Brooklyn Law School front and center in the news. **Read more**.

Law School News

Three Outstanding BLS Professors Granted Tenure

BLS is proud to announce that three of its outstanding professors have received tenure: Miriam Baer, Robin Effron, and Rebecca Kysar. All exemplify a dedication to the highest academic standards, a passion for the law, and a commitment to their students and teaching. **Read more**.

Legal Hackers Profiled for Tackling Revenge Porn and Parolee Reentry

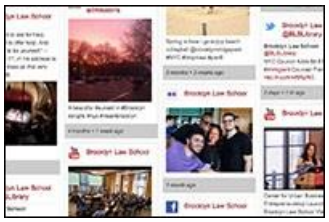
New York Legal Hackers – largely an offshoot of the Brooklyn Law Incubator & Policy ("BLIP") Clinic – was recently the subject of an extensive profile in *Law Technology News*. **Read more**.

Scott Foletta '14 Receives First-Ever Immigrant Justice Fellowship

Scott Foletta '14 was recently named a recipient of the Immigrant Justice Corps Fellowship, awarded by the Immigrant Justice Center. The highly competitive fellowship debuted this year with the goal of providing critical legal counsel and support for poor immigrants and their families. **Read more**.

Johane Severin '08 Selected to Join Racial Justice Training Institute

Johane Severin '08 was recently selected as a member of the newly created Racial Justice Training Institute, a groundbreaking program that prepares advocates to advance issues of racial justice. **Read more**.



New social media stream: Connect with BLS.

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Faculty in the News:

Dean Nick Allard on Why Brooklyn Should Host 2016 Democratic National Convention – Or *Any* Party Convention – in *Roll Call* Op-Ed

Prof. Cynthia Godsoe Speaks to *The New York Times* About the "Poor People's Court"

Dean Nick Allard on "Broken" Law School Model in New Op-Ed for *The Chronicle of Higher Education*

Prof. Nelson Tebbe on Hobby Lobby Ruling in *New York Daily News* Op-Ed

BLS Clinic Partner "Youth Represent" Featured in *The New York Times*

Youth Represent, a community-based organization that works closely with BLS students enrolled in the Youth Reentry and Legal Services Clinic and provides legal services to young people, was recently featured twice in *The New York Times*. **Read more**.

Upcoming Alumni Events

Golden Circle Celebration

Friday, September 5

Save the date for Brooklyn Law School's Golden Circle Celebration, a luncheon honoring the Classes of 1965 and earlier. **Learn more**.

On the Road: North Fork, Long Island

Saturday, September 6

Please join Dean Nick Allard and fellow graduates for an afternoon reception hosted by Paul '90 and Peggy May, Dennis Block '67, Marty Siegel '68, Laurie McPherson '90, Mike Reddy '06, and Associate Director of Admissions Alicia Meehan '07. Additional information and online registration will be available soon.

1901 Society: Leading the School

Thursday, September 18

Members of the 1901 Society are invited to this interactive planning session to discuss innovative strategies for increasing students' job prospects and addressing affordability. **Learn more about joining the Society**.

On the Road: Boston, Massachusetts

Thursday, October 16

Please join Dean Nick Allard and Boston-area graduates for a reception hosted by Mark Whitney '93 and his firm, Morgan, Brown & Joy, LLP. Additional information and online registration will be available soon.

Faculty Spotlight: David Reiss

Among the dominant issues in any news cycle are housing policy, real estate finance, and consumer protection. As a leading authority in these and other areas, Professor David Reiss is regularly called upon to share his expertise. In the past year, he has commented in over 65 news stories. **Read more**.

Recent Class Notes

View the Media Gallery:

View photos from the Recent Graduates Reception.

Have questions? We have answers.

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Larry A. Silverstein '55, Chairman of Manhattan-based real estate development and investment firm Silverstein Properties, Inc., was interviewed by *Crain's New York Business* about the financing of one of the firm's commercial properties, 3 World Trade Center.

Steven Richman '83, General Counsel for the NYC Board of Education, was elected Vice Chair of the Section Delegates Caucus of the NYSBA's House of Delegates.

Marci S. Waterman '92 joined insurance brokerage SterlingRisk as Managing Director and Practice Leader of Sterling Analytics, the brokerage's legal consulting firm. Waterman, who also owns a divorce consulting company, Marriage Management, LLC, leads Sterling Analytics' divorce program, ContollingDivorceCosts.com.

Benjamin J. Stone '95, an attorney in the Seattle-based Veris Law Group PLLC, was named a 2014 Super Lawyer by *Washington Law & Politics* for employment litigation defense. Stone focuses his practice on defending employers against employment-related claims in court and before administrative agencies.

Lisa F. Garcia '98, a former top-level EPA administrator, joined the Washington, D.C. office of Earthjustice, a preeminent environmental earth law organization. She is the new Vice President of Litigation for Health and will lead the organization's litigation on clean air, toxic chemicals, pesticides, and issues of environmental justice.

Winston M. Paes '03 was promoted to Deputy Chief of the Business and Securities Fraud Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office, EDNY. Paes joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2008, where from April 2012 until February 2014 he also served as Health Care Fraud Coordinator and supervised the Medicare Fraud Strike Force.

Benjamin D. Battles '07, previously an associate at Boise, Schiller & Flexner, became an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Vermont. Battles focuses on administrative and appellate litigation on behalf of the Vermont Department for Children and Families.

Read more Class Notes.